

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig. 3; and

Species II, illustrated in Fig. 20.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Fig. 3, without traverse.**

**Claims 2 and 16 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 1, 4-13 and 17 are generic.**

CONCLUSION

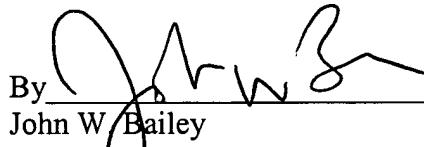
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey, Registration No. 32,881 at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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